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# News Release

## **ICE DRO OFFICERS DEPORT HOMICIDE SUSPECT**

***36-year-old man wanted for 2002 death of 64-year-old killed in high-speed N.M. chase***

EL PASO, Texas — A 36-year-old man wanted for homicide in Mexico for more than three years is in the hands of the proper authorities after members of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal (DRO) Fugitive Operations Team deported him here today.

Ubaldo Porras Diaz, a legal resident alien, was turned over to Mexican immigration officers this afternoon at the Stanton Street Bridge downtown. He was wanted for causing the death of Matias Cadena Quiñones, who died of massive head injuries after a high-speed chase in Columbus, N.M.

Porras Diaz and Cadena Quiñones allegedly tried to evade Luna County, N.M., sheriff's deputies in a chase that exceeded 100 miles per hour on Feb. 28, 2002. The two men crossed the border into Palomas, Chihuahua, and their truck struck a vehicle and a customs official at the Palomas port of entry south of Columbus.

According to court documents, a U.S. immigration judge ordered Porras Diaz removed from the country April 1. A May 2000 aggravated felony conviction in Denver for assault in relation to a domestic violence incident made Porras Diaz deportable.

On April 26, the Office of the Attorney General of Mexico requested DRO's assistance in locating and deporting Porras Diaz. El Paso DRO Fugitive Operations Team members located him with the assistance of the U.S. Border Patrol at the Luna County Detention Facility. Porras Diaz was serving a sentence for a second offense of driving while intoxicated and obstructing justice.

ICE-DRO works in conjunction with the Mexican Attorney General's Office to coordinate many of these international manhunts through other law enforcement agencies, including Interpol.

"The swift removal of dangerous criminals, who erroneously believe they can escape justice by fleeing to the United States, is a major component of the Office of Detention and Removal mission," said Robert E. Jolicoeur, El Paso DRO field office director.

Since it began four years ago, this proactive fugitive apprehension program, which a joint cooperative effort between the governments of the United States and Mexico, has resulted in arresting many criminals. In most cases the fugitives, wanted for serious crimes, fled Mexico and attempted to avoid prosecution by hiding in the United States. Many were identified, located and arrested by DRO officers after they completed their sentences for crimes committed in the United States.

Today's deportation by ICE-DRO Fugitive Operations Team members of a Mexican fugitive is the sixth to date this year in El Paso. Mexican authorities have returned two U.S. citizen fugitives.

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